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MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Barbara Lawrence at 1:30 p.m. on January 17, 1996 in Room 123-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Committee staff present: Ben Barrett, Legislative Research Department
Avis Swartzman, Revisor of Statutes
Jennifer Bishop, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee: Senator Lana Oleen
Ted Ayres, Kansas Board of Regents
Sheila Hochhauser, Representative

Others attending: See attached list

The meeting was called to order at 1:30 p.m. by the Chairperson Barbara Lawrence.

Senator Oleen provided information on the Regents Distinguished Scholar Program and Honors Scholar Program. These programs are described in **SB 403** and **SB 404**. The information given described the background of the two bills, the reasons for them and the committee recommendations.

SB 404: An act establishing the Kansas distinguished scholarship program, amending K.S.A. 74-3278, 74-3279, 74-3280, 74-3281, 74-3282 and 74-3283 and repealing the existing sections.

Ted Ayres addressed the committee as a proponent for **SB 404**. He stated that even though the Kansas-Rhodes scholarship act was designed to attract the outstanding students back to Kansas to pursue their graduate education in Kansas, the funding and expanding of the Kansas-Rhodes scholarship program, through appropriations, has created much difficulty in continuing the funding of participants. He feels that **SB 404** encompasses the recommendations made by the LEPC, Board staff in 1995. Without further testimony, he requested that the Committee consider approval of **SB 404** (Attachment 1).

Senator Lawrence asked how many Kansas students have received and benefitted from these Kansas-Rhodes and Marshall scholarships. Mr. Ayres answered two with the possibility of one more in 1996. Mr. Ayres also commented that there are a minimal number of applicants selected. Senator Lawrence asked about the average cost of those students coming back. Christy Crenshaw answered that the cost averages anywhere from \$8,000 a year for medical students to \$2,000 a year for students receiving their Masters.

Senator Langworthy asked if the money put into the budget was available. Mr. Ayres indicated that it was not because the previous administration had not set the money aside since there was not a fund program available yet.

Senator Downey asked if the money available to these students can be limited to the specific use of tuition and fees only. Mr. Ayres answered yes, that is the decision the legislature can make. Senator Downey also had a concern about those same students receiving more aid from other programs in the school. Christy Crenshaw answered that the Financial Aid Office has standard limitation to the awarding of the amounts of financial aid and therefore there is not a worry about a student receiving greater amounts of money than needed.

Senator Emert asked whether or not there is a possibility of the money awarded to these students is actually disbursed directly to them. Christy Crenshaw answered that the money is credited to the school in the student's name and is only disbursed to the student after all tuition, fees and all other bills are paid. They can only receive what is in excess of all expenses.

CONTINUATION SHEET

MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, Room 123-S Statehouse, at 1:30 p.m. on January 17, 1996.

Representative Sheila Hochhauser addressed the committee as a proponent for **SB 404**. She shared, briefly, a situation which demonstrated how the Distinguished Scholarship Program helps students and the State of Kansas. She not only urged the support of **SB 404** but also urged the support of the appropriation of \$10,000, as recommended by the Kansas Board of Regents (Attachment 2).

SB 403: An act concerning the honors scholarship program affecting definitions relating to appropriations for the program amending K.S.A. 72-9702 and 72-9704 and repealing the existing sections.

Ted Ayres addressed the committee as a proponent for **SB 403**. He briefly explained that the same ideas being considered for **SB 404** applied to **SB 403**. The Honors Scholarship Program will require from \$3,500 up to \$5,000 in appropriations. Without further testimony, he requested that the Committee consider approval of **SB 403**.

Senator Lawrence stated if there were no further questions or conferees, that the committee take up **SB 403** and hold off on **SB 404** until January 18.

Senator Oleen made a motion for the passage of **SB 403**. Senator Corbin seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 2:28 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for January 18, 1996.

The Testimony of

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Director of Governmental Relations
Kansas Board of Regents

before
SENATE EDUCATION COMMITTEE
1996 Legislative Session

in re
S.B. 404

1:30 p.m.
January 17, 1996
Room 123-S
Kansas Statehouse

SENATE EDUCATION
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ATTACHMENT 1

Chairperson Lawrence, Members of the Senate Education Committee:

My name is Ted D. Ayres and I am General Counsel and Director of Governmental Relations for the Kansas Board of Regents. I am here this afternoon representing the Board of Regents. I am here to speak in support of Senate Bill 404, as introduced by the Legislative Educational Planning Committee. It is a pleasure to be here this afternoon

The Kansas-Rhodes scholarship act (K.S.A. 74-3278 *et seq.*) was originally passed by the 1988 Legislature. The legislation was designed to attract these outstanding students back to Kansas and to support/fund their further graduate education in Kansas.

In recent years, the Legislature has funded and expanded the Kansas-Rhodes scholarship program through appropriations "proviso" language (see attached). This has created difficulties relative to the continued funding of participants.

During the 1995 Interim, in discussions with the Legislative Education Planning Committee (LEPC), Board staff made several recommendations to the Committee:

1. That the program name be changed to "Kansas Distinguished Scholarship Program."
2. That an expanded listing of "distinguished scholarships" be placed in statute.
3. That the Legislature appropriate up to \$10,000 per year (realizing that there may be more years than not when no funds will be utilized).
4. That the award amount be limited to the recipients' tuition and fees at a Kansas Regents university.

I believe S.B. 404 encompasses these recommendations. In regard to the listed "distinguished scholarships," I am providing an attachment that describes said scholarships.

I would now stand for questions.

Operating expenditures (including official hospitality) \$1,386,484

Provided, That any unencumbered balance in the operating expenditures (including official hospitality) account in excess of \$100 as of June 30, 1995, is hereby reappropriated for fiscal year 1996: Provided, however, That expenditures from such reappropriated balance shall not exceed \$26,455 except upon approval of the state finance council.

Kansas supplemental grant program \$2,777,000
State scholarship program \$825,075

Provided, That expenditures may be made from the state scholarship program account for the state scholarship program and for the Kansas distinguished scholarship program: Provided further, That expenditures from this account for the Kansas distinguished scholarship program shall be made for tuition and required fees for persons who (1) are Kansas residents or hold an academic degree from a state educational institution, as defined by K.S.A. 76-711 and amendments thereto, (2) have been designated as a Rhodes scholar, a Brasenose scholar or a British Marshall scholar, (3) are acceptable to a state educational institution, as defined by K.S.A. 76-711 and amendments thereto, to be enrolled or are enrolled and are in good standing and making satisfactory progress at a state educational institution, as defined by K.S.A. 76-711 and amendments thereto, and (4) apply for and are awarded a Kansas distinguished scholarship in accordance with rules and regulations adopted by the state board of regents prescribing procedures and additional guidelines and criteria for award of Kansas distinguished scholarships, subject to the provisions of appropriation acts: And provided further, That such rules and regulations shall include procedures for reallocation of amounts which were paid pursuant to a Kansas distinguished scholarship award and which would otherwise be refunded in the case of a Kansas distinguished scholar who discontinues attendance at a state educational institution, as defined by K.S.A. 76-711 and amendments thereto, before the end of any semester.

Tuition grant program \$5,523,233
Ethnic minority scholarship program \$310,000

Provided, That any unencumbered balance in the ethnic minority scholarship program account in excess of \$100 as of June 30, 1995, is hereby reappropriated for fiscal year 1996: Provided, however, That expenditures from such reappropriated balance shall be made only upon approval of the state finance council.

Ethnic minority fellowship program \$160,000

Provided, That any unencumbered balance in the ethnic minority fellowship program account in excess of \$100 as of June 30, 1995, is hereby reappropriated for fiscal year 1996: Provided, however, That expenditures from such reappropriated balance shall be made only upon approval of the state finance council.

Kansas work-study program \$517,227

Provided, That the state board of regents is hereby authorized to transfer moneys from the Kansas work-study program account to the Kansas career work study program fund of any institution under its jurisdiction participating in the Kansas work-study program established by K.S.A. 74-3274 et seq., and amendments thereto: Provided further, That all moneys transferred from this account to the Kansas career work study program fund of any such institution shall be expended for an in accordance with the Kansas work-study program.

Teachers scholarship program \$362,500

Provided, That any unencumbered balance in the teachers scholarship program account in excess of \$100 as of June 30, 1995, is hereby reappropriated for fiscal year 1996: Provided, however, That expenditures from such reappropriated balance shall be made only upon approval of the state finance council.

Kansas association for postsecondary educational television—operating support \$12,500
Regents' distinguished professors \$81,000

State scholarship discontinued attendance fund No limit

Provided, That all moneys remitted for cases of discontinued attendance of Kansas distinguished scholars under the Kansas distinguished scholarship program shall be deposited to the credit of this fund: Provided further, That expenditures made from this fund for the Kansas distinguished scholarship program shall be for persons who (1) are Kansas residents or hold an academic degree from a state educational institution, as defined by K.S.A. 76-711 and amendments thereto, (2) have been designated as a Rhodes scholar, a Brasenose scholar or a British Marshall scholar, (3) are acceptable to a state educational institution, as defined by K.S.A. 76-711 and amendments thereto, to be enrolled or are enrolled and are in good standing and making satisfactory progress at a state educational institution, as defined by K.S.A. 76-711 and amendments thereto, and (4) apply for and are awarded a Kansas distinguished scholarship in accordance with rules and regulations adopted by the state board of regents prescribing procedures and additional guidelines and criteria for award of Kansas distinguished scholarships, subject to the provisions of appropriation acts: And provided further, That such rules and regulations shall include procedures for reallocation of amounts which were paid pursuant to a Kansas distinguished scholarship award and which would otherwise be refunded in the case of a Kansas distinguished scholar who discontinues attendance at a state educational institution, as defined by K.S.A. 76-711 and amendments thereto, before the end of any semester.

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- Kansas ethnic minority fellowship program fund No limit
- Kansas Rhodes scholarship discontinued attendance fund No limit
- Private postsecondary educational institution degree authorization expense reimbursement fee fund..... No limit
- Voluntary tax sheltered annuity clearing fund No limit
- Substance abuse education fund—federal..... No limit
- Mandatory retirement annuity clearing fund..... No limit
- Nursing student scholarship program fund No limit
- Kansas ethnic minority discontinued attendance fund..... No limit
- Clearing fund..... No limit
- Conversion of materials and equipment fund..... No limit
- Teacher scholarship program fund..... No limit
- Financial aid services fee fund..... No limit

Provided, That expenditures may be made from this fund for operating expenditures directly or indirectly related to the operating costs associated with administering the Kansas osteopathy scholarship program, Kansas optometric scholarship program, Kansas nursing scholarship program and Kansas teacher scholarship program: Provided further, That the executive officer of the state board of regents is hereby authorized to fix, charge and collect fees for the processing of all new and renewal applications under the Kansas osteopathy scholarship program, Kansas optometric scholarship program, Kansas nursing scholarship program and Kansas teacher scholarship program: And provided further, That such fees shall be fixed in order to recover all or a part of the direct and indirect operating expenses incurred for administering such scholarship programs: And provided

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shall not exceed \$5,294 except upon approval of the state finance council.

Kansas supplemental grant program 2,300,000

State scholarship program 257,358

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Provided, That expenditures may be made from this account for the state scholarship program and for the Kansas distinguished scholarship program: *Provided further*, That expenditures from this account for the Kansas distinguished scholarship program shall be made for tuition and required fees for persons who (1) are Kansas residents or hold an academic degree from a state educational institution, as defined by K.S.A. 76-711 and amendments thereto, (2) have been designated as a Rhodes scholar, a Brasenose scholar or a British Marshall scholar, (3) are acceptable to a state educational institution, as defined by K.S.A. 76-711 and amendments thereto, to be enrolled or are enrolled and are in good standing and making satisfactory progress at a state educational institution, as defined by K.S.A. 76-711 and amendments thereto, and (4) apply for and are awarded a Kansas distinguished scholarship in accordance with rules and regulations adopted by the state board of regents prescribing procedures and additional guidelines and criteria for award of Kansas distinguished scholarships, subject to the provisions of appropriation acts: *And provided further*, That such rules and regulations shall include procedures for reallocation of amounts which were paid pursuant to a Kansas distinguished scholarship award and which would otherwise be refunded in the case of a Kansas distinguished scholar who discontinues attendance at a state educational institution, as defined by K.S.A. 76-711 and amendments thereto, before the end of any semester.

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Tuition grant program 5,423,824

Ethnic minority scholarship and fellowship programs 444,942

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available, specified fees fund

Provided, That any unencumbered balance in excess of \$100 as of June 30, 1993, in the ethnic minority scholarship program account is hereby reappropriated to the ethnic minority scholarship and fellowship program account for fiscal year 1994: *Provided, however*, That expenditures from such reappropriated balance shall not exceed \$29,058 except upon approval of the state finance council: *Provided further*, That expenditures may be made from this account for the Kansas ethnic minority scholarship program and Kansas ethnic minority fellowship program.

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Kansas career work study program 482,047

Provided, That the state board of regents is hereby authorized to transfer moneys from this account to the Kansas career work study program fund of any institution under its jurisdiction participating in the Kansas career work study program.

Teachers scholarship program 462,184

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Provided, That any unencumbered balance in excess of \$100 as of June 30, 1993, is hereby reappropriated for fiscal year 1994: *Provided, however*, That expenditures from such reappropriated balance shall not exceed \$6,408 except upon approval of the state finance council.

Youth education service program 39,700

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Information About the Awards

Marshall Scholarship

As many as forty students are selected each year to receive the Marshall Scholarship, an award valued at \$40,000 to \$60,000. The scholarship, funded by the British government, was established in 1953 as a national gesture of thanks to the United States for aid under the Marshall Plan.

Brasenose Scholarship

One Brasenose Scholar is selected annually, an individual with exceptional scholarly attainments, outstanding community service, and recognized personal integrity. The scholarship provides \$40,000 to \$60,000 for two to three years of study at Oxford University in England.

Chevening Scholarship

Approximately one to five Chevening Scholars are selected annually from among candidates distinguished by a record of leadership, scholarship, and service. The award provides \$40,000 to \$60,000 for study in a university of the scholar's choice in the United Kingdom.

Rhodes Scholarship

Thirty-two Rhodes Scholarships are awarded nationally each year to individuals with "proven intellectual and academic achievement of a high standard, integrity of character, interest in and respect for their fellow beings, the ability to lead, and the energy to use their talents to the full." The scholarships provide \$40,000 to \$60,000 for two years of study at Oxford University in England.

Fulbright Scholarship

The Fulbright Scholarship provides round-trip transportation, tuition, and a monthly stipend for one academic year in any of 55 countries, an award estimated to be worth more than \$15,000 in the host country's currency. K-State has had 30 Fulbright scholars since 1975.

Rotary International

The Rotary Foundation Scholarship is designed to further international understanding and friendly relations between peoples of different countries. The program provides scholarships to allow students to attend college in any of the 161 countries where Rotary is represented. Scholarships cover all expenses including room, board, tuition, transportation, and related costs and can be worth \$20,000 or more.

Goldwater Scholarship

This scholarship honoring Barry M. Goldwater provides up to \$14,000 for two years of undergraduate study. The scholarship was set up by Congress for science and math students.

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Madison Fellowship

The James Madison Memorial Fellowship is a congressional award that provides a postgraduate scholarship of \$24,000 for the study of history, government, and social studies.

Truman Scholarship

As many as 85 Truman scholars are selected each year to receive \$30,000 for undergraduate and graduate study. Selection criteria include high academic achievement and a record of leadership in public service.

Phi Kappa Phi Fellowship

As many as 50 Phi Kappa Phi Fellows are selected each year, and each college or university is allowed to nominate just one candidate. The fellowship provides \$7,000 for graduate study at the university of the student's choice.

Mellon Fellowship

The Mellon Fellowship in the Humanities has provided a cash stipend of more than \$30,000, plus tuition and fees, for three years of graduate study. The fellowship, recently reduced to one year's support, encourages students showing unusual academic promise to pursue doctoral degrees and careers as teachers and scholars.

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TESTIMONY IN FAVOR OF SENATE BILL 404

Madam Chair and Members of the Senate Education Committee:

Senate Bill 404 was introduced in almost identical form by a bipartisan group of House members in 1993. I supported creating the Distinguished Scholarship Program and placing the program in statute in 1993, and I continue to support it now. I appreciate the introduction of SB 404 by the Legislative Educational Planning Committee, Which Senator Oleen chairs.

I would like to spend a few minutes telling you about an outstanding young woman in graduate studies at Kansas State University. This will, perhaps, aid you to understand how the Distinguished Scholarship Program helps students and the State of Kansas.

Jane (not her real name) was an outstanding undergraduate student at Kansas State University. She is from Pennsylvania. She had a brilliant academic record, and she contributed in many ways to the Kansas State University and broader Manhattan communities. She was awarded a British Marshall Scholarship. Upon graduating at the top of her class, she spent time studying at Oxford. Upon returning to the United States, she decided to continue her studies in agronomy, which is soils science, to obtain her Ph.D at Kansas State University. She was still considered an out-of-state student, and her family does not have the means to support her graduate studies. The current Distinguished Scholarship Program, only through appropriations provisos, has provided Jane with essential tuition money. Her graduate research is outstanding and important to Kansas farmers. She has also given strong consideration to making Kansas her home.

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ATTACHMENT 2

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Each year in the Spring Jane is on pins and needles wondering if her scholarship will be included in the Regent's Appropriations proviso. Senate Bill 404 will make the Distinguished Scholarship part of Kansas law and do away with some of Jane's uncertainty. I urge your support for SB 404 and, further, urge you to support the appropriation of \$10,000, as recommended by the Kansas Board of Regents, to remove all of the uncertainty for these bright young people whose talents we are so fortunate to retain in Kansas.

Thank you for your attention. I would be happy to stand for questions.